

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## If the Lord Wills...

Today, we will spend some time discussing themes, budgets, and plans for 2019. As we do so, it is certainly appropriate and wise to keep this inspired exhortation of James in mind:

*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."*

James 4:13-15

The Bible certainly does not condemn the idea of planning for the future, but rather warns of the danger of not giving God His proper place within the planning and living out of our lives. As James reminds us, we have no knowledge of what tomorrow holds, and certainly, life has a way of taking us in unanticipated directions. However, God possesses a perfect knowledge of all of our tomorrows. Furthermore, He has a perfect understanding of our needs in every situation. When we say, "If the Lord wills," we are humbly submitting ourselves to His infinite power and wisdom. When we say, "If the Lord wills," we are voicing our trust and confidence in Him to lead and care for us in the way that is best. When we say, "If the Lord wills," we are acknowledging that God and His ways are greater and of far more importance than anything that this world holds or that we could plan or do on our own.

As we approach a new year with new goals and new enthusiasm for our work together for the cause of Christ, let us do so with this constant prayer on our lips: "Lord, Your will be done." May we submit to Him in all things, may we trust Him and lean on Him in every way, and may we unwaveringly put Him first in all things. 2019 will surely be a great year as long as we approach it with the simple attitude: "If the Lord wills..."

*Rusty*

## Welcome, Guests

We are honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Our time of worship together on the Lord's Day is one of the highlights of each week and we are thrilled to be able to share this special time with you.

As we worship, our desire is to do so according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to God. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guests. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please feel free to ask. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



### Ministers

Rusty Hills ..... Pulpit  
Pat Cowden ..... Evangelism

### Elders

Curtis Hill                  Dennis Lawson  
Sam Kachelman              Greg Parker  
Barry Todd

### Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza .... Chalco, Mexico  
Liberio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico  
Slava Savkovsky .....Ukraine  
Barton Kizer..... Peru  
Isai Cuamba ..... Ensenada, Mexico  
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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### 2018 THEME:

# I AM THE CHURCH



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CHURCH of CHRIST

## Youth News

### Children's Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)

Dec 9      **CM Devo**  
*after p.m. service*

Dec 15      **CM Holiday Party**

### Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday      Hang Time  
(5:30)

Every Monday      M4 (7:00)

Dec 9      **Youth Devo**  
*after p.m. service*

Dec 27-30      **Exposure Youth  
Camp**

### Lads to Leaders

**Registration forms and fees were due at the end of November. If you have not turned them in, please see Stephen Trammell.**

Theme for 2019:

**I AM**  
(Exodus 3:14)

*Stay tuned for more details on these events or see Joel Heady, Wes McDonald, or Stephen Trammell for more information.*

## Outreach—Pat Cowden

What a wonderful year we have had and are having in 2018. Many good things have happened and many more are on the horizon. We are greatly blessed with the leadership of our congregation and with our membership as well.

This is not something to be taken lightly or for granted. This blessing is also something not to be squandered. When Jesus said, "Do not say there are still four months..." (John 4:35) what He was teaching was that now is the time to act. The same thing is true today; we have been given all that we need to be faithful to God, including an eldership desiring for us to be active and faithful. God's desires have been made known through His inspired Word, one of those desires, clearly and purposefully stated in 1 Timothy 2:4 is that "All men be saved, and come to a knowledge of the truth."

What does that mean to us today in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. First, it means we need to be striving to help God's desire come true. It is hard enough to win folks for Christ. Jesus said there would be few that would find the narrow way that leads to eternal life (Matthew 7:13-14). We need to make sure that we make it easier not harder to find that path. Part of that is to share our faith with others. 2019 is going to be a year of faith sharing for the members of the Chase Park church of Christ. At least it will be for those who commit to the plans for the year. I am excited to discuss those plans next week at the presentation of the 2019 Calendar.

Evangelism challenge:

It is the time to think about who we might want to impact for good in the New Year. I will be asking for folks to give me the name of one or more people they would like to have added to a continuing prayer list. This list will involve those who are outside of Christ or who have fallen away. Thank you in advance.

Remember, I love you in the Lord and want to go to heaven with you.

Pat



## News Of Interest

**Sick**

**Millennium Nursing Care**  
**Susan Vinson**

**Home:** **Juanez Tanner, Carolyn Trammell, Margaret Norman, Betty Meadows**

**2019 Budget and Calendar Presentation**

**Curtis Hill** and **Greg Cothren** will present the 2019 budget during Bible class **December 16, 2018**. All adults will remain in the Auditorium. **Rusty Hills** and **Pat Cowden** will present the 2019 Calendar during the p.m. service.

**Church Offices Closed**

The church offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24, 25 for the Christmas holidays and on Tuesday, January 1, for the New Year's holiday.

**Pantry Item**

Canned meats

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Regency Retirement Service**

Today, 1:30 p.m.  
 Speaker: **Jerry Johnston**  
 Song Leader: **Joel Heady**

**Hospital Visitation**

Team (2) **Emerson** please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

**Grief Class**

Today, 3:00—4:30 p.m., room 218. **Ron Williams**.

**Ladies' Bible Class**

Tuesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

**Ladies' Digging Deeper Bible Study**

Will discuss the November lesson.  
 Thursday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.—noon., ladies' classroom.  
 Thursday, December 13, 7:00 p.m., home of **Tara McDonald**.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM DECEMBER 16	
READING .....	<b>Ben Blankenship</b>
F PRAYER.....	<b>John Denney</b>
LS PRAYER.....	<b>Jerry Johnston</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Jim MacLean</b>

SUNDAY PM DECEMBER 16	
READING .....	<b>Justin Gransky</b>
F PRAYER.....	<b>Clay Blankenship</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Kip Adams</b>

## Thank You

“Dear Chase Park Family,  
 Thank you so much for the kind way you have cared for our family over many years. You were faithful when my Dad, **Bill McBride**, was living. You have continued your thoughtful concern for my mother, **Jean**, over the past six years during our time having her live near our home. She enjoyed all the sweet notes and cards she received.

Thank you also for the beautiful flowers you sent for her service. We appreciate those that came to the visitation and the funeral. She would have been so touched to know friends that meant so much to her were there for her family.  
 In Christian love,”

*Paula and Ross Anderson and family*

Focus For  
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

*I Am An Heir of Heaven*

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## Mark Your Calendars!

On December 16th, following our p.m. worship service, you are invited to have dinner with the Hills'.

*As a small token of our love and appreciation for the Chase Park family, we would like to invite everyone to stay and enjoy a period of fellowship and a homemade barbecue dinner on us. We look forward to spending that time with you and hope to see you there!*  
*Rusty & Andrea*

Also, by popular demand, Christmas card bags will once again be provided for each family of the congregation. So, save on postage and bring your holiday cards with you.

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### Statistics

Sunday, December 2, 2018

AM Worship .....	379
Month Average .....	379
Bible Class .....	NC
PM Worship .....	266
Wed., Dec. 5 Bible Classes .....	260
Regency Ret. Worship .....	35
Offering .....	\$22,164.06
Budget .....	\$18,000
Average '18 .....	\$18,672
Over Budget for year ....	+\$32,272
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

### Services

*Sunday*

Worship .....	9:00 a.m.
Bible Class .....	10:15 a.m.
Worship .....	5:00 p.m.

*Wednesday*

Super Seniors .....	10:00 a.m.
Bible Class .....	6:30 p.m.

#### Web Site Home Bible Studies

<https://www.epcofc.org/home-bible-studies>

**(Lesson 1 Link)**

**The Bible—God's Holy Word**